

(b) Amendments to the Claims

Please amend claim 1 as follows. A complete listing of all the claims appears below; this listing replaces all earlier amendments and listings of the claims.

1. (Currently Amended) A kit for promoting the proper sequential and continuous oral administration of a bisphosphonate and an accompanying nutrient over a 28 day period of time, said kit comprising:

(a) 4 unit doses of the bisphosphonate, wherein each dose is to be given on a frequency of once a week;

(b) 24 unit doses of a nutrient, wherein the nutrient is selected from the group consisting of calcium, ~~vitamin D~~, calcium and vitamin D, and a combined unit dose of calcium and vitamin D to be given subsequent to the bisphosphonate administration and on the days between the days when each unit dose bisphosphonate is taken, and wherein the unit doses of calcium are about 400 mg to about 1500 mg of elemental calcium per day and the unit doses of vitamin D are about 100 IU to 10,000 IU per day; and

(c) a blister card individually and releasably containing the unit doses;

wherein said unit doses of the bisphosphonate and nutrient are arranged in order of their use across the blister card in accordance with either Figure 3 or Figure 5, and

wherein simultaneous daily dosing of the bisphosphonate and the nutrient is avoided.



2. (Previously Presented) The kit of Claim 1 wherein the blister card comprises a means for aiding memory.

3. (Cancelled).

4. (Previously Presented) The kit of Claim 2 wherein the bisphosphonate is selected from the group consisting of risedronate, alendronate, pamidronate, tiludronate, cimidronate, ibandronate, and zoledronate.

5.-10. (Cancelled).

11. (Previously Presented) The kit of Claim 2 wherein said unit doses of bisphosphonate and nutrient are arranged in order of their use across the blister card in accordance with Figure 3.

12.-13. (Cancelled).

14. (Previously Presented) The kit of Claim 2 wherein said unit doses of bisphosphonate and nutrient are arranged in order of their use across the blister card in accordance with Figure 5.

15.-24. (Cancelled).



25. (Previously Presented) The kit of Claim 11 wherein the bisphosphonate is risedronate.

26. (Previously Presented) The kit of Claim 14 wherein the bisphosphonate is risedronate.